

Wednesday, November 5, 1997

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2676, IRA Restructuring and Reform Act.

The House passed H.R. 2358, Political Freedom In China Act.

The House passed H.R. 2195, Laogai Slave Labor Products Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S11709–S11793*

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1370–1381, S. Con. Res. 61–63, and S. Res. 143. **Pages S11763–64**

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 1079, to permit the leasing of mineral rights, in any case in which the Indian owners of an allotment that is located within the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation and held trust by the United States have executed leases to more than 50 percent of the mineral estate of that allotment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–139) **Page S11763**

**Measures Passed:**

**Veterans' Compensation:** Senate passed H.R. 2367, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S11790**

**Native American Housing:** Senate passed S. 714, to extend and improve the Native American Veterans Housing Loan Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to services for homeless veterans, and to extend certain other authorities of the Secretary, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S11790–91**

**American Legion Act Technical Correction:** Senate passed S. 1377, to amend the Act incorporating the American Legion to make a technical correction. **Pages S11791–92**

**Printing Authorization:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 143, to authorize the printing of a revised edition of the Senate Election Law Guidebook. **Page S11792**

**Printing Authorization:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 61, authorizing printing of a revised edition of the publication entitled "Our Flag". **Page S11792**

**Printing Authorization:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 62, authorizing printing of the brochure entitled "How Our Laws Are Made". **Page S11792**

**Printing Authorization:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 63, authorizing printing of the pamphlet entitled "The Constitution of the United States of America". **Page S11792**

**Use of Official Mail Extension:** Senate passed S. 1378, to extend the authorization of use of official mail in the location and recovery of missing children. **Page S11792**

**Reciprocal Trade Agreement/Fast Track:** Senate began consideration of S. 1269, to establish objectives for negotiating and procedures for implementing certain trade agreements. **Pages S11711–53**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 68 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. 294), Senate agreed to a motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S11711–53**

**Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of Ronald Lee Gilman, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, on Thursday, November 6, 1997, with a vote to occur thereon. **Page S11792**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 293 EX), James S. Gwin, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

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William P. Greene, Jr., of West Virginia, to be an Associate Judge of the United States Court of Veterans Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Nancy Jo Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda.

Amelia Ellen Shippy, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi.

Nancy Killefer, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Jo Ann Jay Howard, of Texas, to be Federal Insurance Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Richard F. Keevey, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Barbara K. Bodine, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen.

Johnny Young, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the State of Bahrain.

Espiridion A. Borrego, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

Jacques Gansler, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology.

Richard J. Griffin, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Robin Lynn Raphel, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia.

Duncan T. Moore, of New York, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Joseph Thompson, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Hank Brown, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring April 6, 2000.

Penne Percy Korth, of Texas, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2000.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. Pages S11792–93

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Darryl R. Wold, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2001.

Rebecca M. Blank, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers. Page S11793

**Messages From the House:** Pages S11762–63

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**Additional Statements:** Pages S11783–90

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—294) Pages S11716, S11753

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 6, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Assistant Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11793.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT IN U.S. SECURITIES

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief concluded hearings to examine the presence of foreign governments and companies, particularly China, in United States securities and banking sectors, and on S. 1315 and provisions of H.R. 2772, measures to establish an Office of National Security within the Securities and Exchange Commission, and provide for the monitoring of the extent of foreign involvement in United States securities markets, financial institutions, and pension funds, after receiving testimony from Representative Solomon; Roger W. Robinson, Jr., RWR, Inc., former Senior Director of International Economic Affairs, National Security Council, and Richard D. Fisher, Heritage Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and R. Montana Quon, Potomac Foundation, McLean, Virginia.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Linda Key Breathitt, of Kentucky, and Curt Herbert, Jr., of Mississippi, each to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

**DOT HEADQUARTERS FACILITY**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded hearings to examine the General Services Administration's proposal to construct or otherwise acquire a facility to house the headquarters of the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Paul Chistolini, Deputy Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; and Peter J. Basso, Acting Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Budget and Programs.

**WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE**

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Health Care concluded hearings on S. 249, to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer, coverage for reconstructive surgery following mastectomies, and coverage for secondary consultations, after receiving testimony from Senators D'Amato, Feinstein, and Snowe; Representative Kelly; Gail R. Wilensky, Project HOPE, Bethesda, Maryland; Mary Armao McCarthy, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of New York State, Albany; Lillie Shockney, Johns Hopkins Hospital Breast Center, Baltimore, Maryland; and Frances M. Visco, National Breast Cancer Coalition, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**NATO ENLARGEMENT**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee resumed hearings to examine certain issues with regard to the inclusion of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), receiving testimony from Jan Nowak, Central and Eastern European Coalition, Annandale, Virginia; Mati Koiva, Joint Baltic American National Committee, Inc./Estonian American National Council, Rockville, Maryland; Adrian Karatnycky, Freedom House, and David A. Harris, American Jewish Committee, both of New York, New York; Alvin Z. Rubinstein, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Edward J. Moskal, Polish American Congress, Chicago, Illinois; and Frank Koszorus, Jr., Hungarian American Coalition, Robert W. Doubek, American Friends of the Czech Republic, Daniel Plesch, British American Security Information Council, David C. Acheson, Atlantic Council of the United States, Adm. Jack Shanahan, USN (Ret.), Center for Defense Information, Charles S. Ciccolella, American Legion, John T. Joyce, International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, Col. Herbert N. Harmon, USMCR, Reserve Officers Association of the United States, and Paula Stern, Stern Group, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 336, to convert certain excepted service positions in the United States Fire Administration to competitive service positions;

S. 845, to transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to conduct the census of agriculture every five years beginning in 1998;

H.R. 2366, to transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to conduct the census of agriculture;

H.R. 1316, to amend Federal law concerning the order of precedence to be applied in the payment of life insurance benefits;

S. 758, to make certain technical corrections to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995;

H.R. 2564, to designate the United States Post Office located at 450 North Centre Street in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, as the "Peter J. McCloskey Post Office Facility";

H.R. 681, to designate the United States Post office building located at 313 East Broadway in Glendale, California, as the "Carlos J. Moorhead Post Office Building";

H.R. 282, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 153 East 110th Street, New York, New York, as the "Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office Building";

H.R. 2129, to designate the United States Post Office located at 150 North 3rd Street in Steubenville, Ohio, as the "Douglas Applegate Post Office";

S. 222, to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 497, to repeal the Federal charter of Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc., with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; H.R. 1953, to clarify State authority to tax compensation paid to certain employees on Federal reservations which straddle State borders;

S. 294, to establish Federal penalties for the killing or attempted killing of a law enforcement officer of the District of Columbia; and

The nominations of Ernesta Ballard, of Alaska, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, Dale Cabaniss, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, Susanne T. Marshall, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, and Anita M. Josey and John M. Campbell, each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Seth Waxman, of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Lieberman and Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**IMMIGRATION BORDER IMPROVEMENT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration held hearings to examine the effects of Section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act which requires the Immigration and Naturalization Service to develop an automated system for documenting the arrival and departure of every alien entering or leaving the United States, and S. 1360, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to clarify and improve the requirements for the development of an automated entry-exit control system, and to enhance land border control and enforcement, receiving testimony from Senators Collins, D'Amato, Grams, Murray, and Dorgan; Representatives LaFalce and Quinn; Michael J. Hrinyak, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Inspections, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; Eric Kunsman, Director, Office of Canadian Affairs, Bureau of European and Canadian Affairs, Department of State; Hallock Northcott, Travel Industry Association of America, and Gregori Lebedev, on behalf of the American Trucking Associations, Inc. and the Canadian Trucking Alliance, both of Washington, D.C.; Dan Stamper, Detroit International Bridge Company, Detroit, Michigan; William J. Stenger, Jay Peak Ski Resort, Jay, Vermont;

and Gerald Schwebel, Laredo, Texas, on behalf of the Border Trade Alliance and the Laredo Development Foundation.

**NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information concluded hearings to review the findings and recommendations of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection report, and to examine policy implications of new risks to the information-based national infrastructure, after receiving testimony from John J. Hamre, Deputy Secretary of Defense; and Robert T. Marsh, former Chairman, President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection.

**JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Youth Violence concluded hearings to examine the effectiveness of Federal crime prevention programs that serve at-risk and delinquent youth, after receiving testimony from Cornelia M. Blanchette, Associate Director, Education and Employment Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Kent Markus, Counselor to the Attorney General for Youth Violence, Department of Justice; James Wootton, Safe Streets Coalition, Washington, D.C.; Lawrence W. Sherman, University of Maryland, College Park; and Paul F. Evans, Boston Police Department, Boston, Massachusetts.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee met to consider pending administrative business.

Committee recessed subject to call.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Bills Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 2814, 2815, and 2817–2830; 2 private bills, H.R. 2816 and 2831; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 304 and 307–08, were introduced.

Pages H10104–05

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2440, to make technical amendments to section 10 of title 9, United States Code (H. Rept. 105–381);

H. Res. 301, amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to repeal the exception to the re-

quirement that public committee proceedings be open to all media (H. Rept. 105–382);

H. Res. 305, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 105–383); and

H. Res. 306, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 105–384).

Page H10104

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Sununu to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Journal:** By a ye and nay vote of 353 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 575, agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, November 4, 1997.

Pages H9995, H9999–H10000

**Thirteenth Congressional District, New York:** Read a message from the Clerk wherein she transmitted a letter from the Deputy Executive Director, State Board of Elections, State of New York, indicating that Vito Fossella was elected Representative in Congress for the Thirteenth Congressional District, State of New York. Subsequently, the House agreed by unanimous consent to administer the oath of office to Representative-elect Fossella.

Page H10000

**Member Sworn:** Representative-elect Vito Fossella presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the oath of office by the Speaker.

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**IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1997:** By a ye and nay vote of 426 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 577, the House passed H.R. 2676, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service.

Pages H10005–46

The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House in amending H.R. 2676.

Page H10046

Earlier, the House agreed to H. Res. 303, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill, modified by the amendments printed in H. Rept. 105–380, accompanying the rule, were considered as adopted.

Pages H10001–05

**Representative Capps of California Introduced Bill:** Agreed that Representative Gilman be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 2009, to amend the Social Security Act to waive the 24 month waiting period for Medicare coverage of individuals disabled with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), to provide Medicare coverage of drugs used for treatment of ALS, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase Federal funding for research on ALS, a bill originally introduced by the late Representative Capps of California.

Page H10063

**United States Policy Re China:** By a ye and nay vote of 237 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 578, the House agreed to H. Res. 302, the rule providing for consideration of nine measures, H. Res. 188, H.R. 967, H.R. 2195, H.R. 2232, H.R. 2358, H.R.

2386, H.R. 2570, H.R. 2605, and H.R. 2647, relating to the policy of the U.S. with respect to China. Agreed to the Solomon technical amendment to the rule.

Pages H10054–63

**Political Freedom In China Act:** The House passed H.R. 2358, to provide for improved monitoring of human rights violations in the People's Republic of China by a recorded vote of 416 yeas to 5 noes, Roll No. 580.

Pages H10063–80

Agreed to the Gilman amendment that extends the Congressional Review period for licensing of nuclear exports to China from 30 to 120 days and provides for expedited procedures for consideration of a joint resolution of disapproval for any licensing agreement (agreed to by ye and nay vote of 394 yeas to 29 nays, Roll No. 579).

Pages H10072–79

Pursuant to the rule, the amendments recommended by the Committee on International Relations now printed in the bill and the Abercrombie, Porter, Mrs. Smith of Washington, and Gilman amendments printed in part 1–A of H. Rept. 105–379, the report accompanying the rule, were considered as adopted.

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**Laogai Slave Labor Products Act:** The House passed H.R. 2195, to provide for certain measures to increase monitoring of products of the People's Republic of China that are made with forced labor by a recorded vote of 419 yeas to 2 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 582. Agreed to amend the title.

Pages H10080–94

A point of order was sustained against the Taylor of Mississippi motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment dealing with the tariff schedules between the United States and China. By a ye and nay vote of 217 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 581, agreed to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair.

Pages H10091–93

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means was considered as adopted.

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**Question of Privilege of the House:** The Speaker ruled that H. Res. 307, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did constitute a question of privilege of the House and was in order. Subsequently, agreed to table the resolution by a recorded vote of 217 yeas to 194 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 583.

Pages H10094–H10102

**Motion to Adjourn:** Agreed to the Arney motion to adjourn by a recorded vote of 216 yeas to 192 noes, Roll No. 584.

Pages H10102–03

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appears on page H9995.

**Referrals:** S. 940, to provide for a study of the establishment of Midway Atoll as a national memorial to the Battle of Midway was referred to the Committee on Resources and S. 1324, to de-authorize a portion of the project for navigation, Biloxi Harbor, Mississippi was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One quorum call, Roll No. 576, five yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H9999–H10000, H10040, H10046, H10062–63, H10079, H10079–80, H10092–93, H10093, H10101–02, and H10102–03. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:26 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FOREST RECOVERY AND PROTECTION ACT

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Forestry, Resource Conservation, and Research approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2515, Forest Recovery and Protection Act of 1997.

### FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops held a hearing to review the Federal Crop Insurance Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Dallas Smith, Deputy Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; and Ken Ackerman, Administrator, Risk Management Agency; and public witnesses.

### HOMELESS HOUSING PROGRAMS CONSOLIDATION AND FLEXIBILITY ACT

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 217, Homeless Housing Programs Consolidation and Flexibility Act.

### INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE NEGOTIATIONS STATUS

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the Status of International Global Climate Change Negotiations focusing on the upcoming global climate change agreement negotiations in Kyoto, Japan. Testimony was heard from Timothy E. Wirth, Under Secretary, Global Affairs, Department of State.

### MOLTEN METAL TECHNOLOGY FUNDING

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Energy's Funding of Molten Metal Technology. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—TEAMSTER'S ELECTION

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Approved a motion to approve a Contract Agreement to provide services to the Committee in relation to the oversight investigation of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters election.

### CSRS-FERS OPEN SEASON—WHAT ARE THE MERITS?

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Civil Service held a hearing on "CSRS-FERS OPEN SEASON-What Are the Merits?". Testimony was heard from William E. Flynn, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance Service, OPM; Michael Brostek, Associate Director, Federal Workforce and Management Issues, GAO; and Paul Van de Water, Assistant Director, Budget Analysis Division, CBO.

### OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing on the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Testimony was heard from L. Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, GAO; G. Martin Wagner, Associate Administrator, Governmentwide Policy, GSA; Bruce Alberts, President, National Academy of Sciences; and public witnesses.

### SOLDIERS WITHOUT BORDERS—CRISIS IN CENTRAL AFRICA

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on "Soldiers Without Borders: Crisis in Central Africa". Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Bill Richardson, Ambassador to the United Nations; and Howard Wolpe, Special Envoy, Bureau of African Affairs; and public witnesses.

### ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held an oversight hearing on The Antitrust Enforcement Agencies: The Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice and the Bureau of Competition of the Federal Trade Commission. Testimony was heard from Joel Klein, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, FTC; and public witnesses.

### INTERNET DOMAIN NAME TRADEMARK PROTECTION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing

on the Internet Domain Name Trademark Protection. Testimony was heard from Bruce Lehman, Assistant Secretary and Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### **HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA NURSING RELIEF ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing H.R. 2759, Health Professional Shortage Area Nursing Relief Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representative Rush; Neil Sampson, Acting Associate Administrator, Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### **BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT POSED BY IRAN**

*Committee on National Security:* Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on the ballistic missile threat posed by Iran. Testimony was heard from Lt. Gen. Lester Lyles, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 755, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals to designate and portion of their income tax overpayments, and to make other contributions, for the benefit of units of the National Park System; H.R. 1309, to provide for an exchange of lands with the city of Greeley, Colorado, and The Water Supply and Storage Company to eliminate private inholdings in wilderness areas; and H.R. 1567, amended, Eastern Wilderness Act.

#### **AMENDING HOUSE RULES—REPEAL EXCEPTION TO REQUIREMENT THAT COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS BE OPENED TO ALL MEDIA**

*Committee on Rules:* Ordered reported, by a roll call vote of 7 to 2, H.Res. 301, Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to repeal the exception to the requirement that public committee proceedings be open to all media.

#### **EXPEDITED PROCEDURES**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a voice vote, a rule waiving clause 4(b) of rule XI (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to a special rule reported before November 10, 1997 providing for consideration

of a bill or joint resolution making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon. The waiver also applies to a special rule reported before November 10, 1997 providing for consideration of a bill or joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon. The rule provides that the Speaker may entertain motions to suspend the rules at any time before November 10, 1997 provided that the object of the motion is announced from the floor at least one hour before the motion is offered and that the Speaker shall consult with the Minority Leader in scheduling legislation under this authority to suspend the rules.

#### **EXPEDITED PROCEDURES—REMAINDER OF FIRST SESSION OF 105TH CONGRESS**

*Committee on Rules:* Additionally, granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a rule waiving clause 4(b) of rule XI (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to a special rule reported before November 10, 1997 providing for consideration of a bill or joint resolution making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon. The waiver also applies to a special rule reported before November 10, 1997 providing for consideration of a bill or joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon. The rule provides that the Speaker may entertain motions to suspend the rules at any time before November 10, 1997 provided that the object of the motion is announced from the floor at least one hour before the motion is offered and that the Speaker shall consult with the Minority Leader in scheduling legislation under this authority to suspend the rules. Finally, the rule provides that during the remainder of the First Session of the 105th Congress, the Speaker may not recognize a member other than the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader to offer from the floor, or to announce an intention to offer, a resolution as a question of the privileges of the House. Also, the rule provides that the Speaker may postpone consideration of any noticed resolution as a question of the privileges of the House prior to

the adoption of this resolution during the remainder of the First Session of the 105th Congress.

## INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION STATUS AND COST OVERRUNS

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on International Space Station Status and Cost Overruns. Testimony was heard from Wilbur Trafton, Associate Administrator, Office of Space Flight, NASA; Allen Li, Associate Director, GAO; and a public witnesses.

## NONPROLIFERATION

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Nonproliferation. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1997

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on the Budget,* to hold hearings to examine Federal pre-kindergarten through grade twelve education programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works,* business meeting, to mark up H.R. 1787, to assist in the conservation of Asian elephants by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of Asian elephants and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of Asian elephants, and to consider other pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* to hold hearings to examine commercial activities of China's People's Liberation Army (PLA), 10 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on International Operations, to hold hearings to examine proposals to reform the United Nations, 3 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the social impact of music violence, 12 Noon, SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* business meeting, to consider the nomination of Bill Lann Lee, of California, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nominations of Robert S. Warshaw, of New York, to be Associate Director, and Thomas J. Umberg, of California, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, both of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence,* to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 9:30 a.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, hearing on review of agricultural

transportation issues, focusing on the current rail grain situation, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, hearing on GAO investigation of White House, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight,* hearing on the "White House Compliance with Committee Subpoenas," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Oversight,* to continue hearings on Campaign Finance Reform, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations,* hearing on the current status of negotiations between the Tibetan Government in Exile and the People's Republic of China, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on the Fifth Summit of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade, hearing on Fast Track: The Debate Continues, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to markup H.R. 1909, *Civil Rights Act of 1997*, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on National Security,* Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on Department of Defense equipment modernization, 9:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the review of NOAA's plan for The Management of U.S.S. *Monitor* National Marine Sanctuary, 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, to markup the following bills: H.R. 588, National Discovery Trails Act of 1997; H.R. 2411, to provide for a land exchange involving the Cape Cod National Seashore and to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission; and H.R. 2438, to encourage the establishment of appropriate trails on abandoned railroad rights-of-way, while ensuring the protection of certain reversionary property rights, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules,* hearing on H.R. 2621, Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act of 1997, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science,* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to continue hearings on the Countdown to Kyoto Part III: The Administration's Global Climate Change Proposal, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, hearing on the Role of Computer Security in Protecting the U.S. Infrastructure, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on H.R. 2790, to prohibit the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration from closing flight service stations, 3 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, hearing on the Reauthorization of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.



*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Thursday, November 6

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will consider the nomination of Ronald Lee Gilman, of Tennessee, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, with a vote to occur thereon, following which Senate will resume consideration of the conference report on H.R. 1119, National Defense Authorizations, with a vote to occur thereon.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, November 6

## House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Consideration of rule waiving two-thirds vote for same day consideration;

Consideration of H. Res. 188, Urging the Executive Branch to Fight Missile Proliferation (Modified Closed Rule, One Hour General Debate);

Consideration of H.R. 967, Free the Clergy Act (Closed Rule, One Hour General Debate);

Consideration of H.R. 2570, Forced Abortion Condemnation Act (Modified Closed Rule, One Hour General Debate);

Consideration of H.R. 2386, United States-Taiwan Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Cooperation Act (Modified Closed Rule, One Hour General Debate);

Consideration of H.R. 2605, Communist China Subsidy Reduction Act (Modified Closed Rule, One Hour General Debate);

Consideration of H.R. 2647, Denial of Normal Commercial Status to the Chinese People's Liberation Army (Modified Closed Rule, One Hour General Debate);

Consideration of H.R. 2232, Radio Free Asia Act of 1997 (Closed Rule, One Hour General Debate);

Consideration of H.R. 2616, Charter Schools Amendments Act (Open Rule, One Hour General Debate); and

Consideration of H.R. 2621, Reciprocal Trade Agreement Authorities Act (subject to a rule).



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